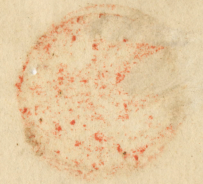


Dec 7. 1802  
Taken from the  
Members of the Council  
on which James Monroe  
is mentioned

James Monroe

Governor of the  
Commonwealth of  
Virginia.



Dear Sir  
Richmond December 7<sup>th</sup> 1802.

The time for which you have been elected Chief magistrate of this Commonwealth being nearly at an end, we cannot permit it to expire without gratifying our feelings in discharging a duty which we owe to you. Your conduct, during the whole of your administration, has been marked with a propriety of deportment towards us as members of the Council that deserves our sincere acknowledgments. We have been witnesses of your unwearied application in the discharge of the most minute, as well as the most important duties assigned to you; and we assure you that the integrity, ability and patriotism with which you have executed every function of your office merit and receive our decided approbation.

We know your value as a man and as a citizen, and have always found you the undeviating friend of our republican institutions. For the sake of your Country may you live long, and that you may enjoy the happiness which you have so honestly earned by the purity of your private life, and by the many and merito-

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rious services you have in every situation rendered to  
your country is the sincere wish of your friends &  
fellow citizens

John Guerrant;

Al. M. Rae.

W. P. Hughes

Al. M. R. Hart

F. Tyler



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